GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ANTI-RABIES VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pasteur Institute in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu is the only organisation producing anti-rabies vaccine;

(b) if so, details of the quantum of such vaccine being produced;

(c) the total requirement of anti rabies vaccine in the country; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide anti-rabies vaccine at cheaper rates?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(d): There are nine production centres in the Government Sector, which are producing Nervous Tissue Anti Rabies Vaccine.Two public sector and one private sector institution are also producing Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine. As per figures available for the year 2000, 34 million ml. of Nervous Tissue Anti Rabies Vaccine is produced, which is almost sufficient to meet the requirement. 4.2 million doses of Tissue Culture origin anti rabies vaccine are produced in the country, which is less compared to the requirement of 5.5 million doses. Steps are being taken to increase the production of Tissue Culture Vaccine.